IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE EIGTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

WRIT PETITION NO : 11898 of 2005

Between:

Sri D. Gupteswara Rao, S/o. Late Satyanarayana Murthy,
Circle -I, Visakhapatnam.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The District Supply Officer (City), Visakhapatnam.

.....RESPONDENT

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to Issue writ or direction preferably writ of mandamus declaring the order issued by the respondent in Rc.No. 174/05/CSC-I, dt. 12.5.2005 is illegal, arbitrary and violative of principles of natural justice and consequently direct the respondent to continue the petitioner as F.P. Shop dealer as usual, and pass such other or further orders.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.KOWTURU VINAYA KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent: GP FOR CIVIL SUPPLIES

The Court, at the stage of admission, made the following:

Oral order:-

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies.

The respondent suspended the authorization of the petitioner, who was a fair price shop dealer allotted shop No. 252, Chengalaraopet, Circle-I, Visakhapatnam, by the impugned proceedings dated 12-05-2005 on the ground that during the course of Praja Patham programme on 21-04-2005, some of the card-holders attached to the petitioner had leveled allegations against him in respect of distribution of essential commodities, whereupon a report of the Special Officer, Praja Patham – the Assistant Supply Officer-I, Vishakapatnam – was called for and his report revealed certain irregularities.

In the aforesaid circumstances, in view of there being some recorded *prima facie* basis for suspension of the authorization of the petitioner, this court is not inclined to interfere with the impugned order. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that he would be satisfied if the respondent is directed to expeditiously conclude the inquiry and pass final orders with regard to the allegations leveled against the petitioner.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the respondent to expeditiously and in any event, within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of

this order, conduct and conclude the final inquiry on the allegations made against the petitioner and pass appropriate orders duly communicating a copy of order, to the petitioner along with the reasons for the conclusions. No costs.

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GODA RAGHURAM, J

Dt. 08-06-2005

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To

1. The District Supply Officer (City), Visakhapatnam.

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